

THE EIGHT-HOUR STRIKE

AT CHICAGO GIVEN UP AS A DEAD FAILURE.

The Furniture Workers the Only Ones Holding Out--The Situation at St. Louis.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

AND THE CRANES OPPOSED TO LEAVES.

The Experience of a Planter Who Has Lived in the Bottom for Years.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE APPEAL.)

TYNOR & P. O. CROOK COUNTY, ARK., May 9--Reading day after day the many and numerous letters pertaining to the Mississippi river and levees, you will, I trust, pardon me in attempting to give you a brief summary of the situation.

It is only a few days ago that one of this class suggested that Col. Miles and 100 representative men of the Mississippi Valley should be sent to Washington to tell the United States Government what to do with the river. Hope, when they go, they will remain there forever. Another from Bilva wants a levee. Instead of having too many levees, we have not got enough, as evidenced by the fact that the unusual height of the flood at Helena is annually caused by the rapid discharge of water through the St. Francis basin. It emanates from the water escaping from the channel of the river below Cairo, through the sunken lands of St. Francis, whose outlet is about eight miles north of Helena.

When the river reaches forty-five feet at Cairo it comes into the Wapinnock bayou, and from thence into Wapinnock lake; from thence into the Tynor river, and from thence into the St. Francis river, twenty-five miles north of the point where Crowley's Ridge comes to the river. That is how the first of this Mississippi river gets into that basin, and the means the water coming through the Wapinnock swamp is all filling up the basin, and when the sunken lands and all the low lands become filled, and the St. Francis basin one vast sea, it passes out with increased velocity, gained by its shortened course a distance of ten miles, and giving an increased fall of twenty feet in this distance. Compute the distance by river from Cairo to Helena, and allow the minimum declivity of the Mississippi river, which is about three-tenths of a foot to the mile. Then take the distance between those same points, and you will find that the Mississippi river finds its way during a day, and you will then readily see why the man at Helena and its vicinity who stands behind a levee that is one in name only cries out: "The levees are a failure; abolish them."

Instead of abolishing them let the plan of the River Commission be followed; close the St. Francis basin; do not let the water accumulate in these and then at the last moment pour its flood out on a river already full. Send this vast volume around by its natural course, and then it will have time to carry off the water and does in other portions of the river. Why this annual flood from the vicinity of Helena? It is caused by the vast reservoir stored at their doors ready to pour down on them at the last moment. Close the Francis basin and about the abolition of levees. The men that howl most about tearing down levees are the very ones that would sit idly by whittling a pine stick and see anybody in the world build their levees as long as it cost them nothing. That lateral levee built from Bilva County is another of that class of theories. What man lives amongst the strongest levees men in the world, and how they ever let him get loose from them with his lateral levee ideas is a mystery to me. The man who is writing this has lived almost constantly on those levees for thirty years, and where 300,000 is a point I would like to see. He has walked from the north end of Bilva county, known as the Crews place to the south end on the Port Anderson place and I know of no other place where he talks of it. Would like to see the assessment roll. If you want to keep your land dry build your levees high enough and strong enough. Go down to Bilva county and they will show you how to do it. None of your red flag communistic ideas among them. It is all built down. The flood of 1885 is past, and where is the benefit in their lives? Not one acre of land wet. That shows wherein their strength lies. Their motto is: "Unity is strength." Some one will probably ask what might ought to be? Four feet above the highest flood known and a slope of seven to one with a ten-foot crown. Then protect it as a railroad company does its road. If you want advice on that subject take a trip on the Kansas City railroad through the St. Francis basin, and then go through the levees, and you will see the difference. The levees are now behind them, where improved agricultural machinery and blooded stock are to be found.

Could this be done with lateral levees? Fancy the annual washing away of fences, the ditches filled, drainage stopped, houses built on it, waiting a decade of years for a sufficient sedimentary deposit to accumulate so that you could dispose of a step-ladder to get into your house. Fancy the wildness of such theories. Take my advice; go on building and strengthening your levees. You have proved it year after year, and when a more feasible plan presents itself I know you will take advantage of it, and none of these days the United States Government in its might seek to prevent your business from carrying on. I know you will prevent it from going over the top.

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AT ST. LOUIS.

The Labor Situation Discussed by the Master Builders.

St. Louis, Mo., May 11--A meeting of the Master Builders' Association last night there were present all prominent master builders of the city. The labor question was discussed at some length, and the meeting adopted a set of resolutions declaring the right of the contractor to employ whomever he may see fit, without reference to any trades assembly, and to purchase material from whom they choose. After stating that the master builders will, at all times, hear the grievances of their employees, and accede to all reasonable demands, the resolutions pledge those who have signed them to once cease work on any building upon which they may be employed whenever any other member of their association shall be forced to cease work upon his contract by any trades union, and that such cessation shall continue until their brother member shall again be able to resume his work.

AT PITTSBURGH.

Trouble Among the Striking Ice Wagon Drivers.

Pittsburgh, May 11--The striking ice wagon drivers and helpers are forcing the non-union men to quit work. One man was assaulted on Liberty street this morning and compelled to leave his wagon on the street. The companies have applied to the authorities for protection, and a squad of police has been detailed to arrest the disorderly strikers.

THE FISHERIES DISPUTE.

The Canadian Press on the Seizure of the American Vessel.

Toronto, Ont., May 11--The Globe, in an editorial article on the seizure of the American fishing vessel David J. Adams, says: "There seems to be no room for doubt that the master of this vessel acted illegally and that the seizure was properly made. The people of the United States will not have what they were doing when they violated the clauses in the Washington treaty. They find now that the fishermen cannot pursue their business profitably unless they are permitted to take or purchase bait on shore. For the sake of Canada, for the sake of the empire, we hope that the Imperial Government will not be so generous in this business, openly or secretly, it will be to help us to maintain our rights and not to thwart, hamper or restrain us in enforcing the terms of the treaty."

The Mail says: "An American vessel has just been seized at Digby, N. S. It is a fishing vessel, and it is a fact that a test case will be made. It is as the London Times asserts, the English people have no interest in seeing that their Canadian fellow subjects are not robbed, be it so. A thorough understanding of that fact, if it is a fact, might, perhaps, set some of us thinking very seriously about the dragging down of a colonial existence, but it would not frighten us into surrendering our property to Americans. Our plain duty to ourselves, if the Americans will agree to no reasonable settlement, is to protect ourselves as best we can. Thirty thousand Canadians are dependent upon the fishing industry, but even if our fisheries were not worth one poor farthing, we should still be inclined to defend them to the best of our ability, for, to tell the truth, we have grown weary of being sacrificed."

Tornado in Pennsylvania.

BLAINESVILLE, PA., May 11--A heavy hail storm passed over this city about 6 o'clock last evening, and was followed by a fierce tornado, which swept from Salina along the valley of the Conemaugh river to the east, cutting down trees and destroying numerous small out-houses and barns. It caused the water in the river to rise to a height of seventy-five feet over an inverted water-spout which revolved across and up stream until it reached the new Cokesburg bridge, where it struck the bridge, and the bridge was lifted bodily from the

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

BOTH PARTIES PREPARING TO SECURE IT.

The Advantage Greatly With the Democrats--Embarrassment of the Republicans Out of Office.

Washington special to the Philadelphia Times: Both Congressional committees for the campaign of 1886 are now organized and will soon be prepared to commence operations. The Democrats have the prestige of success in the campaign of 1884. While there may be some disagreements as to methods they do not propose to lose their advantage ground by quarreling with the administration on technicalities. They propose to hold on to that they have and take the chances for 1888. The Republican Committee, which have always had the office-holders to draw upon, had themselves cut off from that source of revenue and are somewhat perplexed as to where to get their funds, particularly in the face of an off year and doubtful prospects of any substantial gain from a large outlay.

The Democratic Committee, the first in the field, have in a very careful canvass of the situation, and claim that their chances of holding the next House by a large or even larger majority are infinitely better than the chances of the Republicans making substantial gains over their present numbers. The present Democratic majority in the House is forty-three. The Republicans will be compelled not only to hold all they now have, but to carry twenty-two additional districts in order to overcome the present majority against them. This the Democrats claim they cannot do, for the following reasons: In the present Congress there are twenty-three Republican districts, held by majorities ranging from 50 to 1000. There are also twenty-five districts held by the Democrats by majorities ranging from 100 to 975. Therefore, if such an improbable thing as saving all of the twenty-three small majority Republican districts and carrying all of the twenty-five small majority Democratic districts were possible, the Republicans would come out ahead; but as the chances of holding their own are just as good for the Democrats as the Republicans, the former have a margin of forty-three districts to draw from.

The Democratic committee have no fear of disunion growing out of local issues and claim that their forces are in excellent order for campaign work. The issue of protection they claim that in their strongest districts they find the most staunch supporters of the protective principle and therefore they fear no losses in the industrial districts. They also claim that the ultra free trade views of Frank Hurd have lost them the Toledo district, that the action of the Democratic Committee on Elections and of the Democratic House in making no compromise with Hurd, but rejecting him completely, was ample notification to the voters of the Tenth Ohio that the voice of the people would be respected, Frank Hurd to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Democratic committee this year, it is understood, will be made with reference to the interests of the district and the party, which will insure the election of a Democrat by the usual majority.

There are a number of other districts held by Republicans by a somewhat similar margin, which are being looked after in the way of selecting candidates with a view to successful general issues, and which will be so much gain to the Democrats. There will be some gains, doubtless, by the Republicans, which would preserve the balance of power, but the result would not change the aggregate result in the House.

The Republican Blaine Committee.

Washington dispatch to the Baltimore Sun: It is reported that the election of chairman and secretary of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee which occurred Monday night last, was the occasion for a measuring of strength between the Blaine and anti-Blaine elements. The newly elected chairman, Theodore Tilton, Representative from West Virginia, and Mr. McPherson of Pennsylvania, are devoted adherents of Mr. Blaine, while the two other gentlemen who were prominently craved for the positions, Representatives Bingham of Pennsylvania, and ex-Secretary of the Interior, Dudley of Indiana, are bitterly hostile to Mr. Blaine and are in full accord with what is known as the Stalwart wing of the Republican party. Mr. Bingham was formerly one of the closest friends of Blaine, but he split off prior to the election of delegates to the Republican national convention of 1884, and in that convention made the most effective speech in favor of the nomination of Mr. Arthur.

The lines in the election of chairman and secretary were not drawn as between Blaine and anti-Blaine. No allusion to any such idea was made, and several of the anti-Blaine men voted without the least impression that considerations of such character entered into the contest. Col. Dudley was urged as secretary on the ostensible ground that he was one of the best managers and wire-workers in the whole party, and his conduct of the Indiana campaign in 1880 and the Ohio campaign in 1884 was pointed to as proof of what he could do in manipulating election machinery and influencing voters. But according to the reports the Blaine adherents, who were in the majority on the committee, were not disposed to make such a concession, and with much more fuss about it, put in two men that they knew could be depended upon. As understood now, whatever influence has been exercised in the direction of the affairs of the committee will be used to put up Blaine men for Congress and up to the present time has not been heard from. Ordinarily she made the passage in eight days, and never longer than eleven. A few days ago a vessel arriving in Boston reported passing the house of a steamer at sea, the description of which was much like that of the Acadia. Shortly after the Acadia sailed a cyclone prevailed in the vicinity of the West Indies, and it is presumed she was caught in it.

Given Up for Lost.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 11--The steamship Acadia of Baltimore, belonging to J. L. Bell & Co., tropical fruit importers, has been given up as lost. She sailed from Port Antonio, Jamaica, April 10th with a cargo of bananas, and up to the present time has not been heard from. Ordinarily she made the passage in eight days, and never longer than eleven. A few days ago a vessel arriving in Boston reported passing the house of a steamer at sea, the description of which was much like that of the Acadia. Shortly after the Acadia sailed a cyclone prevailed in the vicinity of the West Indies, and it is presumed she was caught in it.

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